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Truth About Railway Assessing.

The Register quotes, and takes for a text, an article from the Parkersburg Sentinel which shows that the West Virginia "prosperity boomers are lying," that "in 1896, the last year of Democratic control in West Virginia, the railroads of the state were assessed at \$22,375,610. For the succeeding three years under Republican rule the railroads of the state were assessed for 1897, \$21,562,343; for 1898, \$22,160,046; for 1899, (including railroads not heretofore assessed), \$22,280,256. Upon this statement by the Sentinel, the Register says, in part: "It will be observed that as soon as the Republican bosses took hold at Charleston they reduced the assessment of the railroads over a half million dollars at one clip."

Both the Sentinel and the Register are wrong in their figures, and therefore incorrect in the logic of their deductions. Had both papers read a summary of the report of the board of public works, published in Tuesday's Intelligencer, they would not have published these partisan comments. That official publication showed in detail by the publication of totals that the reductions of the assessments were not only not reduced, but materially increased, and that this year's taxation will be based upon assessment showing that the assessed value of railroads in West Virginia, instead of \$22,280,256, is in reality \$29,618,614, or, in round numbers, \$30,000,000, an increase of \$6,738,658, or, in round numbers, nearly \$7,000,000, over what the Sentinel and Register place it, and showing a large increase instead of a "reduction."

When the Register approvingly quotes from the Sentinel that within the period covered by these items not a single farm in the state has had his assessment reduced, and every cent taken from the railroads must be added to some other property, and that it were well for farmers and taxpayers to think of these things about voting time, it states what is not true. The assessment of the railroads made the past year, on which to base the taxation of this year of 1899, show a big increase, and the assessment of the other classes referred to has not been reported by the board of public works. It is best to be fair and right, and in possession of the figures, when making such assertions. The board of public works will not be subject to such criticism when the annual reports are made.

A Good Name Suggested.

It is wisely suggested by an eastern contemporary—an independent paper politically, the Washington Star—that the anti-imperialists, or anti-expansionists, should have a more appropriate title for their organization, one which would suggest its real purpose. The suggestion grows out of the fact that, in 1896, the Kentucky Democrats gave to the Palmer and Buckner gold Democratic organization in that state the title of the "McKinley Aid Society." The reason was that they held the organization had for its real object the aid of the Republican cause, and so associated it in the name. Even now in Kentucky anti-Goebel Democrats are designated as "the Taylor Aid Society."

What the Star wants to know is if we have not a pointer as to the proper name for the new national party of "Atkinson, Boutwell and others." The suggestion is "the Aguinaldo Aid Society." Anti-Expansion League does not seem to fit, for it is too late to stop expansion, and anti-imperialism isn't appropriate. As Aguinaldo is the person whom the gentlemen of the organization regard as the real patriot, and their object is to aid him, why not use his name?

The strong argument on this line is easily understood, and we submit it in the language of the Star itself:

All the chatter about imperialism centers in the Philippines. Cuba is a problem apart. Porto Rico made no resistance, and is held by our arms, and asked to be taken. Mr. Aguinaldo resists, and the transcendentalists around Boutwell and others are very much impressed with his spirit. He fills greatly with our eyes. He appears as a hero of good proportions, and they are cheering him on. But it is to be doubted if even they expect him to accomplish anything of real value.

Still, there is no excitement in it all for them. He is carrying the big end of it will stick. So it will only fall—and it will fall to a sort of molly-coddle courage if they come out plainly and by saying under his name make entirely plain what they have in view. The name proposed is illiterative and easily spoken, and it will

leave no doubt in anybody's mind as to what the members of the organization are driving at.

We heartily second this suggestion. Nothing better or more appropriate and suggestive could be conjured.

Bryan is Again Wrong.

The Des Moines speech made by Colonel Bryan contained so much to be criticized that it is still being discussed in pieces. The tendency of Bryan was to misrepresent the history of the past three years, and to make deliberate assertions without bases. From out one of the speeches made by Bryan, the following paragraph is well worth noting:

"More banks failed the first six months after the election of 1896 than ever in the history of the country. If I had been elected it would have been laid at my door. More business houses failed the first six months after the election than ever in the same period of time before. If I had been elected all this would have been my fault."

This is thoughtlessness or ignorance, and the more damaging because it was uttered at the Iowa state Democratic convention. It was uttered without regard to facts, and Mr. Bryan, if he imagines himself intelligent enough to be President, should have been more discreet. It leads better posted men to make comments, and to recall history so recent that men who are hardly at the voting age know it.

Keep in view, the exact words quoted above from Mr. Bryan, as history is recalled by a contemporary, the New York Sun, some of which we summarize. The six months following the election of 1896 was partly in that year and partly in 1897, and the total bank failures, not in these six months, but in the two years of 1896 and 1897 (a part of the first year notable for the agitation due to the threats against the sound money standard) amounted to 369, with a grand total of liabilities of \$73,968,815. In Dun's statistics, and in Bradstreet's record for the same two years the number of failures is given at 302, and the total liabilities of \$77,373,000. Our New York contemporary recalls that in the single year of 1893, following the election of Mr. Cleveland on the free trade platform, the bank failures numbered 598, with total liabilities \$170,294,000, according to Bradstreet's, and \$219,998,893, according to Dun, the total number of failures being 642. In other words, the "sum of bank failures in 1896-'97, two years, is less in number and liabilities than the total of the bank failures in 1893 alone. Was this fact unknown to Mr. Bryan?

As to the matter of all business failures the statement of the facts are similar, notwithstanding the panic of 1893. The Sun sums it up thus: "Bradstreet's figures show for 1896 and 1897 twenty-four months ending with the six months contemplated by Mr. Bryan—a total of 23,211 failures, with a total of \$48,218,000 of liabilities; and for the single year 1893 a total of 15,250 failures, with \$42,571,000 of liabilities. Dun's figures give 24,428 failures for the two years in 1896 and 1897, with \$58,428,000 of liabilities; and for the single year 1893, 15,252 failures, with \$46,736,000 of liabilities."

Mr. Bryan should study up statistics that come within his own public career sufficiently to refresh his memory before making reckless statements here disproven. If Mr. Bryan made the statement attributed to him he should make it good, for the benefit of his followers.

Labor's Vigorous Work.

Labor seems to have completely recovered from the effects of the attempt to assassinate him, for, in the examination of witnesses in behalf of Dreyfus, he drives them to the wall and seems to be as shrewd and vigorous as ever. Among those whom he made exceedingly uncomfortable was General Mercier, and some very pertinent questions the last named gentleman refused to answer. The shrewd counsel, however, pressed him with searching questions connecting him with his attitude toward Dreyfus at the time of his conviction in 1894, and the scene became very warm.

Labor became much heated, and when Mercier denied that he did not know Esterhazy, who is supposed to have been connected with the plot against Dreyfus, and had no knowledge of it, Labor, the crushing, held him up to the indignation of the audience, by expressing surprise that the "chief accuser of Dreyfus did not even follow the proceedings of the Esterhazy trial."

Taken altogether, Labor made most of the witnesses against Dreyfus appear as victims of a much shrewder attorney than they were, and they were driven into holes, one after another. An important feature brought out was in connection with the assertion that the Dreyfus family offered Colonel Sandherr 150,000 francs to clear Dreyfus. Attorney Demange settled the whole matter by reading the note written by the brother of Dreyfus, in which he merely said that the family were convinced of the innocence of the exile, and would spend an entire fortune to discover the truth. As that is what is being done, the family of Dreyfus is perfectly justified in paying well the attorneys. The developments are encouraging to Dreyfus and his friends.

The coal miners in the Fairmont district have voluntarily had their wages raised two and a half cents per ton. That is good news. It will be recalled that the miners of that district won much censure for not joining the strike which occurred in other districts outside of the state, and found steady work. They have had all they could do ever since, and now have received an advance without the asking. In several of the important mines they mine the coal with electrical machinery, and their wages amount to considerable each month.

The new form of money order adopted by the postoffice department means greater convenience to the public and increase in popularity for that system of transporting money, and if the promise of a change of fees on the first of the next year is certain to be carried into effect, the new method will be much more economical to the patron of the money order window in the post office than it now is. This will be another advantage, and increase the patronage in a way that will augment the revenue from this source.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, can say some peculiar things. One of the latest is that he is alarmed for the future of the republic, and that the chief menace to our liberties is the "unbridled literature and easily spoken, and it will

died press." He says the most dangerous institutions to our form of government is the newspaper. He speaks of its liberty as a "license." What a sweeping denunciation! Pingree must have a grievance, but his assertions carry with them their own refutation; consequently, no defense is necessary.

The Toledo (Ohio) Commercial has been purchased by John R. McLean. This means that McLean is going to use money in his campaign. But then, McLean has been in the newspaper business so long that he knows what one is worth in furthering his political ambitions.

The Intelligencer guessing contest for a prize to the one who calculates the closest the attendance at the State Fair on Tuesday, September 5, is meeting with much favor, and already a large number of coupons have been sent in.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Many an actor is unable to act like one. It isn't always best to put your trust in a trust.

The handbagger knocks people down when he holds them up.

A bigamist refers to his two wives as his better two-thirds.

The literary warrior is continually discharging his magazine gun.

Fame is of little use to the man who hasn't the ability to back it up.

But few people are ever as happy or as miserable as they imagine they are.

A man considers woman his Sunday, and he considers himself the other six days.

Only a base ball umpire is great enough to exhibit his indifference to public opinion.

Somewhat a man never appreciates the silver lining of the cloud when he gets caught in a shower.

Time may be money, but the man who is compelled to spend a lot of time in looking for a job is apt to have other views.

Those who can see nothing but goodness in the world and those who can see nothing but badness will bear considerable watching.—Chicago Daily News.

The New Party.

New York Mail and Express: Inasmuch as the Three Tailors of Tooley street resolved certain important things in the name of "we, the people of England," there is no earthly reason why the "anti-imperialists" of the United States should not extend their protecting influence over the destinies of the nation on a somewhat similar plain.

The report from Washington, therefore, that they are about to form a brand new political party, with all the modern improvements, is not at all alarming. They should go ahead by all means. Their performance would brighten the gloom very decidedly.

To help the scheme along the Mail and Express begs to offer the following suggestions:

"FOR PRESIDENT.

"W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, if not otherwise engaged.

"FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

"Edward Atkinson, of Massachusetts, if he can get the permission of Emilio Aguinaldo.

PLATFORM.

"Resolved, That the American eagle is a buzzard.

"Resolved, That we hereby denounce the Puritans for not obtaining the consent of the governed.

"Resolved, That Admiral George Dewey shall be tried for court-martial for his discourteous treatment of the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay.

"Resolved, That the American soldier now operating in the Philippines shall be brought home and slapped into jail for the reckless use of firearms.

"Resolved, That the man who says Aguinaldo is a treacherous wretch is no gentleman.

"Resolved, That the present administration has fractured the southwest corner of the Declaration of Independence and forced the American constitution into innocuous desuetude.

"Resolved, That we do now take up a collection.

This is merely an outline platform, but it fairly represents the principles to which the "anti-imperialists" are committed. As for the ticket suggested above, it is running over with voice and sympathy, and would sweep Dedham, Mass., and the Third ward of Lincoln, Neb., like a prairie fire in August. The new party can't get into the field too soon. The bars are down, the clover is knee high, and the newcomer can cavort and be glad. Make ready, everybody, to welcome the little stranger!

Imaginations.

Were I the sun, thy day should ne'er know night.

Tireless I'd shine to pave thy way with light; Gladly I'd lay my gold beneath thy feet. Were I the sun, and thou, my love, so sweet.

Were I the breeze, softly round thee I'd play. Or blow but fierce to drive dull care away. Kiss after kiss I'd fondly wait to thee. Were I the breeze, and thou the world to me.

Were I a flower, my fragrance should be spent in making sweet thy world where'er you went; I'd sacrifice my beauty on thy heart. Were I a flower, and free to choose my part.

Were I a song, the melody I'd make Should creep into thy heart its love to wake. How lovingly I'd tell of love-born joy. Were I a song and thou my lady coy.

Were I a dream I'd haunt thee day and night; I'd fill thy soul with love-dreams' pure delight. Sleeping I'd woo thee, waking I'd woo thee. Were I a dream and thou my paradise.

Proudly, dear heart, this fact I now proclaim—How'er I seem'd or what'er my name, To thee alone my love would still belong. Were I the sun, the breeze, dream, flower or song. —St. Paul's.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The Secret Service has just unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators, but no equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness, and general debility. Always go to reliable druggists who have the reputation of giving what you ask for.

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PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Time Lost.—"What causes Burkins's insomnia?" "He can't quit admiring himself long enough to go to sleep."—Chicago Record.

Accepted the Inevitable.—"Say, Tommy, does yer ole man know yer am 't?" "Sure! He's giv up lickin' me fer doin' it."—Puck.

Jones—That's funny. Smith—What's funny? Jones—The paper says that the police magistrate gave a man ten dollars for being drunk.—Harlem Life.

First Passenger.—Isn't this train comfoundedly slow? Second Ditto—Rather, I suspect they are trying to haul it with a stationary engine.—Boston Transcript.

"Don't you judge a man by his clothes," said Uncle Eben. "Dar is some mighty smart an' respectable people playin' golf an' ridin' bicycles dese days."—Washington Star.

"Now, gentlemen," said the summer hotel proprietor, "I want to ask every man who saw the sea-serpent to step up and have a drink." The reporter counted fourteen.—Puck.

Overproduction.—"There is one thing, at least, that the trusts have cheapened," said the man with the weary air. "What is it?" roared the man with the tangled hair. "Talk."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Can't the Democrats of this town get together?" inquired the political exhorter in Kentucky. "Get together!" answered the man with court-plaster on his ear. "Why, it takes eleven deputy sheriffs to keep 'em apart!"—Washington Star.

"How do you say 'the duel was fought to a fatal finish' in French?" inquired the novel writer. And the man who is expert at concealing his ignorance replied quickly: "That isn't a reasonable question. I don't believe they ever have occasion to say any such thing as that in French."—Washington Star.

As Others See Us.—Observer (on Mars)—I wonder what those new lines on the surface of our sister planet can be. They don't look as if they were canals. Observer No. 2—Perhaps they are merely boundary lines. The trusts may have agreed upon an amicable division of the earth.—Chicago Tribune.

Saved by her Strategy.

Chicago Times-Herald: "John," said Mrs. Thursby, "you were saying yesterday that you were in financial trouble. I believe."

"Yes," Mr. Thursby replied, "and I'm terribly worried. I didn't sleep a wink last night."

"I think I heard you say something, too, about a note held by Mr. Hewitt, didn't I?"

"That is what is causing the trouble. If I could get him to extend the time on it for about ninety days everything would come out all right. I could then realize on some securities I hold and get on my feet, but if he insists on payment now I shall have to sacrifice my valuable holdings, and this will practically mean ruin."

"Have you asked him for an extension of the time?"

"No. That wouldn't do any good. He never favored anybody in his life. If he knew how I am fixed he would be all the more anxious to press me for an immediate settlement."

"Well, don't you dear. His wife, you know, is several years older than I. We met at a party this afternoon, and I spoke to a lot of women there of the days when she and I went to the same school. She turned pale when I mentioned the fact, fearing, of course, that I was going to tell how long ago it was and that she was several grades above me because she was older; but I put me down my pride and pretended that as I remembered her she was a little thing in pinafores just learning her primer lessons when I graduated. You go to Hewitt's house now, and when she is present ask him to extend the time on that note."

The Disgrace at West Point.

Hartford Courant: The New York Sun has put the country under obligation to it by a full and specific showing-up of the contemptible practice of hazing as practiced at West Point. That American school for gentlemen is the home of a nest of cowards. The treatment of the new boys for their first year would call for the intervention of a "cruelty society." The obstacle to reform is that the boys who should have the courage to expose the performances would be regarded as a tale and would lose his social position. Broken jaws, and broken constitutions, too, are often the product of the hazing. There is never a chance for a fair fight, but the spirited "pleb" is met by such superior force that he is doomed from the start.

It is a shameful story, and perhaps the most shameful part of it is not told by the Sun, namely, that this year's "plebs" abused and indignantly but helplessly under the force of public sentiment in the school, will turn right about next year and will be found practicing the same cruelties on their successors. This is the refinement of cowardice. The present administration of the school is making a heroic effort to stamp out the custom and should be sustained by the community.

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